



Sports Fiction



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Football

Cochran, Thomas

Roughnecks

Travis Cody prepares for the final game of his high school football career, a rematch with his school's chief rival.

Dygard, Thomas

Running Wild

When Coach Wilson and Officer Stowell encourage him to join the high school football team, Pete no longer believes that "nobody does anything for nothing." Other titles by Thomas Dygard about football: **Game Plan**

Jenkins, A.M.

Damage

Seventeen-year-old football hero Austin, trying to understand the inexplicable depression that has drained his interest in life, thinks that he has found relief in a girl who seems very special.

Lee, Marie

Necessary Roughness

Sixteen-year-old Chan moves from Los Angeles to Minnesota, where he must cope with racism on the football team and also with the tensions in his relationship with his strict father.

Basketball

Bennett, James

The Squared Circle

Sonny, a university freshman and star basketball player, finds that the pressures of college life, NCAA competition, and an unsettling relationship with his sister bring up painful memories.

Deuker, Carl

On the Devil's Court

Struggling with his feelings of inadequacy and his failure to make the basketball team in his new school, seventeen-year-old Joe Faust finds himself willing to trade his soul for one perfect season of basketball. Other titles by Carl Deuker about basketball: **Night Hoops**

Klass, David

Danger Zone

When he joins a predominantly black "Teen Dream Team" that will be representing the United States in an international basketball tournament in Rome, Jimmy Doyle makes some unexpected discoveries about prejudice, racism, and politics.

Lupica, Mike

Travel Team

After he is cut from his travel basketball team--the very same team that his father once led to national prominence--twelve-year-old Danny Walker forms his own team of cast-offs that might have a shot at victory.

Ripsinger, Jon

How I fell in Love and Learned to Shoot a Free Throw

Seventeen-year-old Danny Henderson, an indifferent basketball player, has his eye on Angel McPherson, star of the girls' team in their Iowa high school.

Sweeney, Joyce

Players

Eighteen-year-old Corey sees a threat to his dream of winning the basketball championship when he discovers the new player on his team is a girl-stealing, team-destroying force of evil.

Wallace, Rich

Playing Without the Ball: a Novel in Four Quarters

Feeling abandoned by his parents, seventeen-year-old Jay finds hope for the future in a church-sponsored basketball team and a female friend.

Baseball

Bennett, James

Plunking Reggie Jackson

High school baseball star Coley Burke tries to deal with an ankle injury, back spasms, a pregnant girlfriend, academic failure, pressure from his father, and the legacy of his dead older brother.

Deuker, Carl

High Heat

When sophomore Shane Hunter's father is arrested for money laundering at his Lexus dealership, the star pitcher's life of affluence and private school begins to fall apart. Other titles by Carl Deuker about baseball: **Painting the Black**

Dygard, Thomas

Infield Hit

After transferring to a new high school during his junior year, Hal tries to make friends, gain a starting position on the baseball team, and hide the fact that his dad is a famous ex-major leaguer.

Johnson, Scott

Safe at Second

Paulie Lockwood's best friend Todd Bannister is destined for the major leagues until a line drive to the head causes him to lose an eye and they both must find a new future for themselves.

Johnston, Tim

Never So Green

In Iowa in the 1970s, twelve-year-old Tex overcomes his self-consciousness about his deformed right hand to take baseball lessons from his stepfather and his tomboy stepsister, who harbors a dark secret.

Koertge, Ronald

Shakespeare Bats Cleanup

When a fourteen-year-old baseball player catches mononucleosis, he discovers that keeping a journal and experimenting with poetry not only helps fill the time, it also helps him deal with life, love, and loss.

Weaver, Will

Hardball: a Billy Baggs Novel

A fourteen-year-old Minnesota farm boy has to figure out how to get along with the arch-rival in his love life and on the baseball diamond, and both boys must learn how to deal with the unfair expectations of their fathers.

Other

Corbet, Robert

Fifteen Love

Mia, a violist, and Will, a tennis player, each relate their feelings about each other, school, friends, and family troubles as they struggle to understand the opposite sex and to survive being fifteen.

Crutcher, Chris

Whale Talk

Intellectually and athletically gifted, TJ, a multiracial, adopted teenager, shuns organized sports and the gung-ho athletes at his high school until he agrees to form a swimming team and recruits some of the school's less popular students.

Galloway, Steven

Finnie Walsh

As a hockey player, Paul is a few steps behind his best pal, Finnie Walsh. It is hockey that holds them together as they grow into young men. Along the way, they must deal with Paul's eccentric father, his withdrawn sister, and the uncomfortable disparity in their socioeconomic status.

Klass, David

Wrestling With Honor

Champion wrestler Ron Woods faces a soul-searching season when he refuses to retake a drug test he has failed. This decision affects his feelings about his father, who died in Vietnam, and his first tentative romance. Other titles by David Klass: **Home of the Braves**

Lynch, Chris

Iceman

Fourteen-year-old Eric, a ruthless hockey player prone to violence on the ice, tries to reconcile his own needs with those of his parents.

Wallace, Rich

Shots on Goal

While pursuing his goal of helping his soccer team win the league championship, fifteen-year-old Bones tries to deal with his resentment of his best friend, on whose girlfriend he has a crush.